

first assistant foreman; Charles B. Campbell, second assistant foreman.

The engine house was of that flimsy nature which allowed the apparatus to occasionally freeze and the engine was not always a safeguard, as a newspaper account of the fire of 1867 says: "The night was cold, dry and windy and our excellent engine, Columbia No 5, proved to be out of order leaving us completely at the mercy of the devouring element. The lesson learned so dearly is that we must have a supply of water conducted through our streets from the reservoir above us with hydrants opposite every lot."

There were contests in those days between the firemen of adjacent towns to see who could create a pressure that would throw water farthest Columbia No. 5, although sometimes outwitted by the sharp tricks of its competitors, could always hold its own in muscular ability.

We present a picture of the first members of this company, only nine of whom are still alive. Beginning at the left hand side of the picture and running down the first row the portraits are of those given beneath the line. The portraits in the second column are named at the top of the picture—and so on through the group.

#### AN EARLY DESCRIPTION.

An extract from a State Gazetteer of 1832 says: "Carbondale, P. V. on the Lackawannock creek, is one of

the sudden creations which have been effected by the coal trade. Distant from W. C. 247 and from Harrisburg 139 miles. The village arose with the works of the Hudson and Delaware Canal and coal company, four years since, and now contains about 40 dwellings, 7 stores, 3 taverns. At its suburb, New Dublin, there are 130 small houses occupied by the miners. The coal has been quarried in a continued line for sixty rods, and presents a front of



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good coal of twenty feet in thickness, besides several feet more of roof coal, stained and shattered by time and the weather. The miners have lately begun to follow the bed, without removing the superincumbent materials, pillars of coal being

left to support the weight. About 34 acres of the bed have been removed. The coal fields of the company contain about 3,500 acres. From the 20th of March, 1851, to the 5th of Nov. there passed over the railroad 54,328 tons of coal. The company have sold lots in the villages of Rondout, (N. Y.) Honesdale and Carbondale, to the value of \$2,951, and at Rondout leases have been made producing an annual rent of \$1,592."

#### FIRST SOCIETIES.

On April 28, 1838, Cambrian lodge, I. O. O. F., was organized in this city with 16 charter members. Until 1852 the lodge met in a room in a small house on Pike street owned by David Thomas, below what is now Tiffany's planing mill. The original members were:

David Thomas, Noah Davis, Thomas Phillips, Evan Evans, Ebenezer Williams, Samuel W. Baker, John P. Evans, Thomas Thomas, Edward H. Castle, John McLaney, Samuel Jones, Tabes Nicholas, Jervis Lewis, Edward Owens, William Williams, Samuel Hodgdon.

The Pioneer Father Mathew society was the first organized in Pennsylvania and therefore bears a proud distinction. John J. Forbes advanced the idea, and after considerable agitation, succeeded in having a meeting of fourteen persons in No. 28 engine house on the Gravity railroad in 1867. Hon John Kelly was made president. It is still one of the prosperous societies in our city. Its original membership was:

M. G. Neary, J. J. Forbes, Peter Dunleavy, William Graham, Alex. Kennedy, Charles Cavanaugh, James Gorman, Terrence Powderly, James Pidgeon, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Thomas F. Walker, Richard J. McHale, Patrick Burke, Peter Coyle, Charles Boland, P. F. Moffitt, Patrick Pidgeon, John Fleming, John Barrett, Patrick McHale, Patrick Devine, Thomas F. Walsh, Martin P. Flynn, William Moffitt, John Kelly, John McCabe, Jeremiah Clune, Patrick Kiernan, Patrick Brown, Thos Golden, Eli Birs.

It may be interesting to know who were the members of the Hetherbee Band mentioned heretofore. They were:

T. Hague, ophoph-clyde; J. T. Davis, bugle; John Love, C. Curtis, J. H. Waterbury, H. Wilbur, H. Oram, W. Davis, trombones; Kingsbury Fuller, bass drum; W. Oram, T. Orchard, trumpets; Andrew Wyllie, baritone; H. A. Chambers, snare drum; A. Bryden, cornet; G. L. Dickson, french horn; W. Howarth, trombone; R. Howard, bugle; John Dickson, second bugle; Ed. Burnham, and W. Law.



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